



INDOT's Transportation Enhancement Program Funding Available

The Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) Transportation Enhancement (TE) program provides for the implementation of a variety of non-traditional projects such as the restoration of historic transportation facilities, bike and pedestrian facilities and trail ways, landscaping and scenic beautification and the mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff.

The deadline for cities and towns to was recently extended to January 31, 2004. TEA-21 has expanded the definition of transportation enhancements to specifically include twelve activities now instead of ten. Only those activities listed below qualify as TE activities. Eligible activities include: Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles; provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists; acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites; scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities); landscaping and other scenic beautification; historic preservation; rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals); preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails); control and removal of outdoor advertising; archaeological planning and research; environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity; and establishment of transportation museums. Visit

<http://www.in.gov/dot/modetrans/tea/index.html> for guidelines and an application. Contact Gerald Nieman at (317) 232-5224 or gnieman@indot.state.in.us for further information.